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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM FOR FY-76

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IN ACCORDANCE REFTELS EMBASSY SUBMITS PRIORITY PARTIAL LISTING OF CANDIDATES FOR IV GRANTS FOR FY-1976. WILL SUBMIT ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES NEAR FUTURE. NUMBER FOLLOWING EACH NOMINATION INDICATES PROJECT IN CU PORTION OF FY 1976 CPP APPROVED IN STATE 123268.

HOLDOVERS FROM NOMINATIONS APPROVED IN FY 1975:

1. OMAR JAEN SUAREZ. ETD OCTOBER. (SEE EMBASSY 3866 AND A-171) A(1).
2. MAJOR GERMAN TORRES. ETD JULY OR AUGUST. (SEE A-29 AND PANAMA 3994.) A(3).
3. CAMILO PEREZ. ETD TO BE SUBMITTED. (SEE PANAMA 1351 AND STATE 066200). B(1).
4. PEDRO BRIN MARTINEZ. DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF INTL. ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. OCCUPIES POSITION OF INFLUENCE, BUT HIS KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE US IS LIMITED. A VISIT WILL PROVIDE NEW PERSPECTIVES AND BACKGROUND TO

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THIS OFFICIAL WHO APPEARS TO HAVE REAL FUTURE WITH GOP. (NOMINATED

IN 1971 BUT UNABLE TO TRAVEL.) ETD TO BE SUBMITTED. A(1).

5. NILSON ESPINO. VICE PRESIDENT, NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION (NLC). OCCUPIES KEY POSITION IN ONE OF GOP'S MOST DYNAMIC AGENCIES, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING AND SPONSORING ALL LEGISLATION. BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF US POLITICAL AND LEGAL SYSTEM AND MEANINGFUL CONTACTS COULD SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT HIS VIEWS AND HELP IN EMPHASIZING THE PRACTICAL AND REJECTING THE PURELY IDEOLOGICAL. ETD TO BE SUBMITTED. A(4).

6. MIGUEL PICARD AMI. STAFF ASSISTANT NLC. VERY INTELLIGENT AND HIGHLY THOUGHT OF BY CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT. MAJOR EXPONENT OF PHILOSOPHY OF 1971 CONSTITUTION AND PRINCIPAL DRAFTER OF DOCUMENT. SEMINARIAN STUDIES PROVIDED EXTENSIVE THEORETICAL EDUCATIONAL BASE. SOME EXPOSURE TO PRAGMATIC US SOCIETY COULD BE USEFUL INSIGHT FOR FUTURE THIS GOVERNMENT LEADER. ETD TO BE SUBMITTED. A(4).

7. GRISELDA LOPEZ. DIRECTOR, EDUCATIONAL TV, UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA. PLANS AND DIRECTS TEAM IN PREPARATION OF TV AND RADIO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. LAST YEAR RECEIVED GRANTS FROM GERMANY, ENGLAND AND FRANCE TO VISIT THOSE COUNTRIES. A VISIT TO THE US WILL FILL GAP ABOUT US EDUCATIONAL RADIO AND TV. ETD TO BE SUBMITTED. B(2).

8. LUIS RAUL FERNANDEZ. PRESIDENT, PANAMA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONALS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS. POSITION OF CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE. WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE US CANDIDATE WOULD ACCURATELY REFLECT THE US SCENE CHRONICLING IT FOR USE IN THE LOCAL PRESS. ETD TO BE SUBMITTED. C(1).

9. ELSIE ALVARADO DE RICORD. PROFESSOR OF LITERATURE AND LINGUISTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA. AUTHOR, WINNER OF LITERARY AWARDS IN POETRY AND ESSAYS. ENTIRELY EUROPEAN ORIENTED, A US VISIT WOULD PROVIDE LITERARY CONTACTS AND A CHANCE TO SEE UNIVERSITIES IN ACTION. SHE MAY BE EXPECTED TO INTERPRET HER VIEWS OF US SOCIETY ACCURATELY TO PANAMANIAN INTELLECTUALS. A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. ETD TO BE SUBMITTED. D(1).

10. LUIS AGUILAR PONCE. HEAD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA ART GALLERY AND ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A VISIT TO THE US WILL OPEN THIS YOUNG ARTIST'S EYES TO THE DYNAMISM AND DIRECTIONS OF AMERICAN ART TRENDS. RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ITALY, ENGLAND AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. A VISIT TO THE US WILL AUGMENT THIS MAN'S EXPERIENCE, PROVIDE NEW OBJECTS OF OBSERVATION FOR INTERPRETATION TO FELLOW ARTISTS IN PANAMA. ETD TO BE SUBMITTED. D(1).

11. JUSTO ARROYO. DIRECTO

OF CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IN THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CULTURE (INAC). ALSO NOVELIST AND WINNER
FO VARIOUS LITERARY AWARDS. KEY FIGURE IN GOP CULTURAL PLANNING.
EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN US CULTURAL SCENE. TO SEE IT FIRST-HAND
WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE REFLECTED IN HIS WORK AT INAC AND IN PROMO-
TING JOINT EMBASSY/INAC PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF CULTURAL
PRESENTATIONS OF ALL KINDS. ETD TO BE SUBMITTED. D(1).
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